



**ANIMAL PROTECTION & CONTROL  
ADVISORY BOARD  
Meeting Minutes  
July 23, 2009**

**In Attendance:**

Cheri Cornelius  
Pat Jollota  
Dr. Liz Grauer  
Ginger Burr  
Holly Blosser  
Shirley Malar  
Pat Vichas  
Sue Svendsen  
Betty May Buntin  
Ed Anderson

**Staff:**

Linda Moorhead  
Julie Anderson

**I. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30.

**Reading and approval of the April minutes:**

April minutes were approved as written.

**II. Orders of the day:**

Linda Moorhead asked the Board if the Public Forum could be heard prior to getting into the discussion on code work since she had knowledge that one of the public was in attendance to speak about current code recommendations. The Board agreed.

**III. Public Forum**

1. Krandall Smith was in attendance to request assistance on off leash cats that frequently visit his property & defecate in the bark dust. Mr. Smith has spoken with the cat owner, as well as Animal Protection & Control and has notified the cat owner of the trespass occurring, however the problem continues. Mr. Smith has chosen not to trap the cats. Several members of

the Advisory Board made suggestions to Mr. Smith on how to make his bark dust less appealing to cats and of products available in local pet shops that repel cats from using the yard as a cat box.

2. Joeri Goedertier attended to talk about dog kennels. In response to a neighbor's complaint, he recently was contacted by Code Enforcement and required to obtain a CUP (Conditional Use Permit) for his private kennel. He has been working diligently with Clark County Animal Control and Code Enforcement to ensure his business is legal. He has begun the process for a CUP permit and has applied for the pre-app conference, scheduled in August. The pre-app alone cost him \$1,800.00 and if he continues with the CUP permit he is expected to pay another \$11,000 or more. He has discussed this with many private kennels in Clark County who agree that the process is too complex and cost prohibitive. He discussed his situation with the Board of Commissioners and they suggested he speak to the Animal Advisory Board.

After much discussion, the Advisory Board agrees that the CUP permit is not the right fit for dog kennels and horse stables. It is the Adv Board's recommendation that the facility license be modified with conditions to include private dog kennels, dog training, and horse stables. One of the recommended conditions is a 20 foot setback from the property line.

3. David Hentz was in attendance to request the assistance of an after hour Animal Control Officer to patrol the off leash dog problems at Heritage Park & Clear Meadows Park that only occur after 5pm. Mr. Hentz also shared information from Vienna, Austria's mandatory licensing program. Some members of the Advisory Board suggested to Mr. Hentz that he compile a petition to go to the BOCC to request funding for an after hour Animal Control Officer and a Licensing Officer.

As a result of the Public Forum, the following will be executed:

The Advisory Board agreed Linda Moorhead would recommend that the BOCC create a task force modifying the facility license to include private dog kennels, dog training, and horse stables.

The Advisory Board agreed Linda will also request a work session to increase penalties for off leash dogs, running at large dogs, and eliminate warnings for unlicensed animals resulting in issuing a Notice of Violation immediately.

### **Livestock in the Urban Growth Boundary-Task Force**

No new news for discussion.

### **Status of proposed code amendments**

Linda Moorhead announced BOCC passed the proposed code amendments to the tethering & off leash ordinances on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Spay/Neuter Applications**

Linda Moorhead advised most of the spay/neuter grant checks are in the mail to the appropriate organizations.

### **Statistical Reports**

Linda Moorhead reported bite cases have increased, averaging about 2 bite cases a day. There's a 57% ytd increase on penalties collected. Licensing has decreased 3% but not too bad considering the economy.

The committee briefly reviewed the Humane Society statistics. Euthanasia is down, and cat intake is certainly up. Kitten season has arrived.

### **IV. Roundtable**

Sue Svendsen congratulated Linda Moorhead on saving the animal control officers from the last round of budget cuts Clark County Community Development had faced.

Dr. Liz Grauer proposed implementing a structure to public forum speakers. Discussion ensued on how to create a guideline of what is expected of them and an allotted amount of time to plead their case. The committee agreed. When Linda speaks with potential guests she will send an agenda & instructions to the guest. The instructions will suggest preparing the request in writing, stating the nature of the problem and what it is that is being asked of the Advisory Board Committee. Guests will be encouraged to mail in the written proposal so committee members can familiarize themselves with the individual's request. Each public forum speaker will be allowed 5 minutes of speaking time. An egg timer will need to be obtained by the committee.

Linda Moorhead stated the next advisory board will be in September, instead of October.

### **V. Adjournment –**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55

### **Hearing Tribunal**

There were no written appeals